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Bright talent: Amy Saunders was the youngest London winner

London girl, 13, wins global poetry prize

A GIRL aged 13 is among five London winners of a global poetry prize.

Amy Saunders, from West Norwood, was the youngest of 15 winners of the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award, run by the Poetry Society.

Competition entries topped 11,000 submitted by more than 6,000 authors from 76 countries, including Vietnam, Romania, Mexico and Japan.

The other London winners were Jean Klurfeld, 16, from New Malden, Dana Collins, 18, from Carshalton, Cia Mangat, 17, from Ealing and Em Power, 15, from Feltham.

Poets Jackie Kay and Raymond Antrobus judged the competition, which has been running since 1998 to celebrate youth talent from around the globe.

The top 15 poems will be published in a printed winners' anthology.

A further 85 commended poets will have their poems published in an online anthology.